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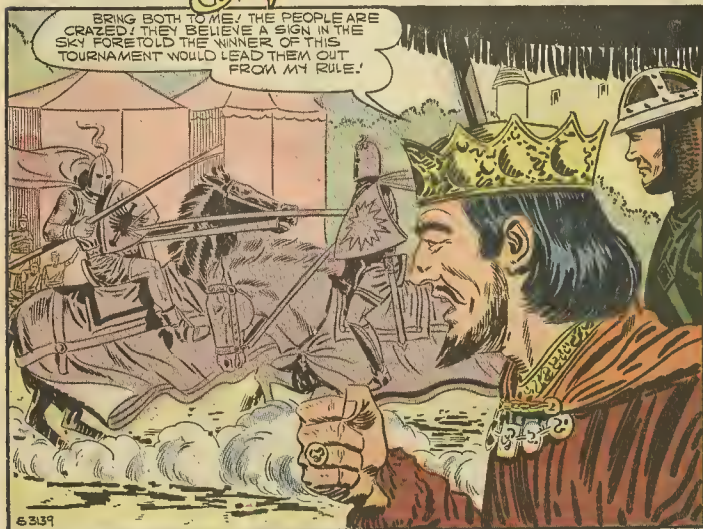


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# Robin Hood

## ROBIN HOOD'S DEFEAT

PRINCE JOHN HAD CALLED OUT THE FIERCEST KNIGHTS IN ALL ENGLAND! THEY ARRIVED IN GOLD AND SILVER ARMOR, MOUNTED ON FINE WAR HORSES. YET, TWO MEN WHO ARRIVED SEPARATELY WITHOUT ARMS, ARMOR, OR HORSES WERE EACH CONFIDENT THAT HE WOULD WIN! ROBIN HOOD WAS ONE!



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WITH KING RICHARD ABSENT ON A CRUSADE TO THE HOLY LAND, PRINCE JOHN RULED WITH AN IRON HAND! THE PEOPLE RECEIVED NO HELP BUT THE PRINCE DELIGHTED IN HOLDING TOURNAMENTS...

SEND COURIERS TO SUMMON THE GENTRY TO THIS TOURNAMENT!



THE BARONS AND DUKES RECEIVED THE COURIERS AT THEIR CASTLE GATES! BUT SOME GENTRY LACKED CASTLES... SUCH AS ROBIN HOOD...

ZOUNDS! PRINCE JOHN IS HOLDING ANOTHER TOURNAMENT! I MUST ATTEND!



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TELL YOUR MASTER I WILL ATTEND!

I WILL TELL HIM! PRINCE JOHN WILL HAVE A WELCOME PREPARED, SIR OUTLAW!

BEING OUT OF FUNDS AS USUAL, THE MASTER OF SHERWOOD FOREST JOURNEYED TO PRINCE JOHN'S PALACE ON FOOT...



STAND, SCOUNDREL!



I COULD USE YON VARLET'S HORSE, HE'S COMING...

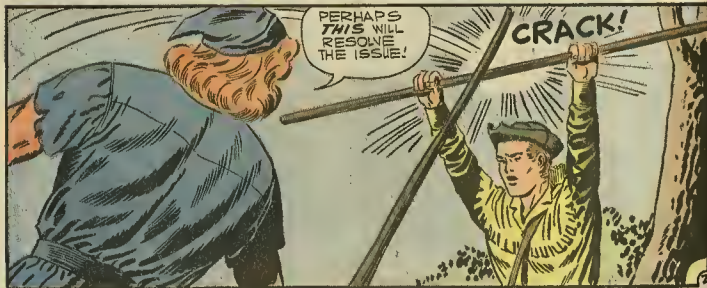


YEOW!



BEGONE! I CLAIM HIS HORSE AND ARMOR!

AND I SAY I TAKE THE SPOILS OF COMBAT!

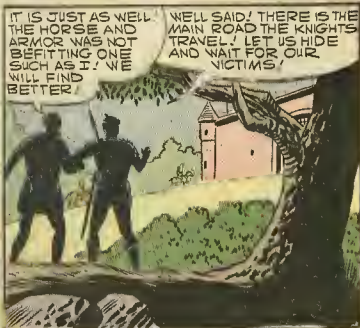


PERHAPS THIS WILL RESOLVE THE ISSUE!

CRACK!

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ROBIN HOOD WAS ONE OF THE BEST QUARTER-STAFF MEN IN ALL ENGLAND! LITTLE JOHN HAD EQUAL SKILL... UNTIL HE MET THIS STRANGER...



ROBIN FOUND A MOUNT AND ARMOR TO HIS LIKING! HE SPEEDILY MADE HIS KNIGHTS KNOWN TO THE HEARER AND...





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THIS MUST BE A  
ROBBER'S  
HIDING  
PLACE!

IT ISN'T..



WOW, THIS ONE'S  
LUGGING A  
BIG PEARL! YES,  
AND HE

• WHY IT LEAD  
TO THIS OLD  
TREE TRUNK!

ds GOLLY!  
THERE'S THE  
WHOLE  
NECKLACE, A  
RADIO, A WATCH  
A CAMERA.



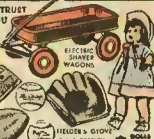
-THAT'S MY SECRET HIDE-OUT FOR ALL THE SWELL PREMIUMS I EARNED SELLING WHITE CLOVERINE BRAND SALVE TO MY FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!

GOSH!  
YOU  
TOO?

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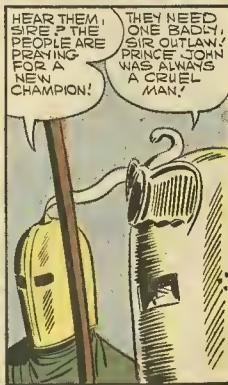
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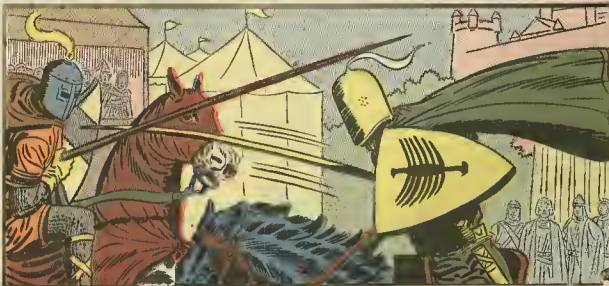
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THE TOURNEY BEGAN... ROBIN HOOD INSERTED HIS FIRST THREATENING OPPONENTS, THEN A FOURTH, TO GET INTO THE LAST AND FINAL BOUT...



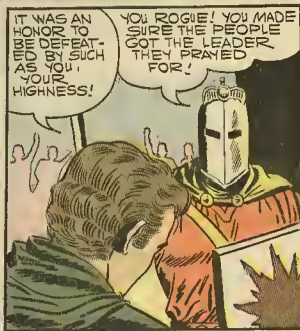
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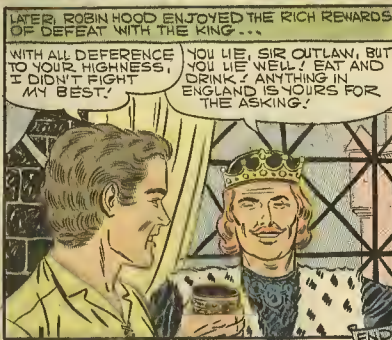
THE CROWD WAS HYSTERICAL... THEY WERE SHOUTING FOR THEIR CHAMPION, AND PRINCE JOHN WAS FUMING...



THE HUGE WAR HORSES THUNDERED INTO A TROT, A LOPE, THEN A GALLOP! AND THE KNIGHTS SET THEIR LANCES AND MET...



I HAVE RETURNED! YOU WILL ACCOUNT FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP TO ME, PRINCE JOHN!



WITH ALL DEFERENCE TO YOUR HIGHNESS, I DIDN'T FIGHT MY BEST!

YOU LIE, SIR OUTLAW, BUT YOU LIE WELL! EAT AND DRINK! ANYTHING IN ENGLAND IS YOURS FOR THE ASKING!

END!



# Robin Hood

WHAT GIFT COULD ROBIN HOOD BRING TO HIS TRUE LOVE TO CURE THE SADNESS IN HER EYES? LADY MARIAN, GRIEVED FOR A TRUE WOMAN'S REASON... THE SPLENDOR OF ANOTHER WOMAN'S DRESS! YET, ROBIN FOUND AN ANSWER... ONE THAT RESTORED THE SMILE TO MARIAN'S LIPS, THE SPARKLE TO HER LOVELY EYES!

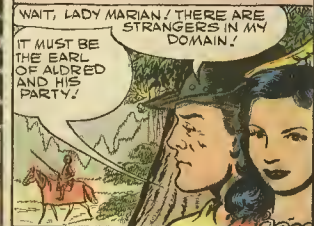


YOUR GIFT WAS PERFECT ROBIN! NOW, GO... THE HIGH SHERIFF IS ANGRY!

THAT'S THE HAPPY ENDING! IT BEGAN ALMOST AS HAPPILY -- AT A TRYST IN SHERWOOD FOREST...

WAIT, LADY MARIAN! THERE ARE STRANGERS IN MY DOMAIN!

IT MUST BE THE EARL OF ALDRED AND HIS PARTY!



IT IS THE EARL! AND... OH, ROBIN, LOOK AT HER DRESS! REAL CLOTH-OF-GOLD! SHE WEARS IT AS A TRAVELING GOWN -- SHE MUST HAVE OTHERS EVEN NICER! I'LL LOOK LIKE A SERVING-GIRL AT THE BALL! THIS IS HORRIBLE!



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THE HIGH SHERIFF IS GIVING A BALL-- I DON'T THINK I'LL EVEN GO NOW. YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO COME-- THE SHERIFF WOULD THROW YOU IN JAIL! OH, ROBIN, I'M SO UNHAPPY!



I'M GOING BACK TO THE CASTLE, ROBIN!

DON'T BE SAD, LADY MARIAN-- MAYBE I CAN THINK OF SOMETHING!



BUT THE PROBLEM SEEMED TOO MUCH FOR ANY MAN! ROBIN WANDERED THOUGHTFULLY ALONG THE ROAD... AND ACCIDENTALLY HAPPENED ON THE CAMP OF THE EARL AND HIS LADY...

WHO IS THIS CREATURE, DEAR?

THIS FOREST IS INFESTED WITH OUTLAWS! I'LL RUN HIM OFF!



GOOD DAY, SIR! I BEG YOUR PARDON FOR INTRUDING!

YOU NEED A LESSON, VARLET! THE FLAT OF MY SWORD WILL SERVE SUCH AS YOU!



YOU'LL LEARN MANNERS WITH THIS! STAND QUIETLY, CHURL!

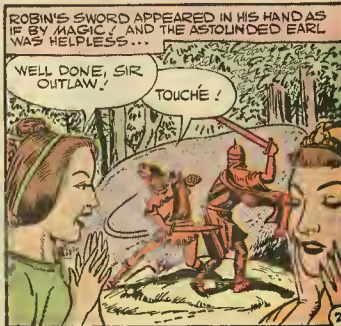
YOU NEED LESSONS IN SWORDPLAY, SIRE! I'LL BE GLAD TO OBLIGE!



ROBIN'S SWORD APPEARED IN HIS HAND AS IF BY MAGIC! AND THE ASTONISHED EARL WAS HELPLESS...

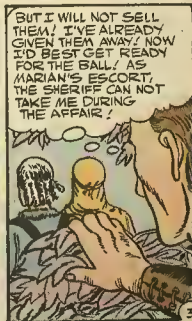
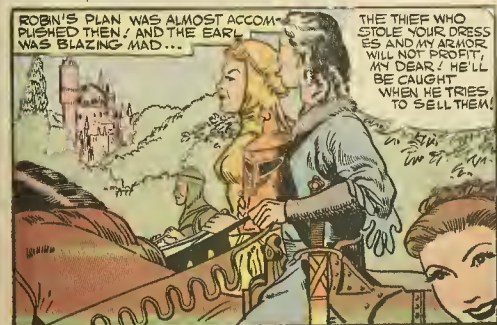
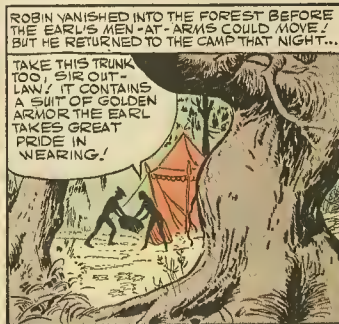
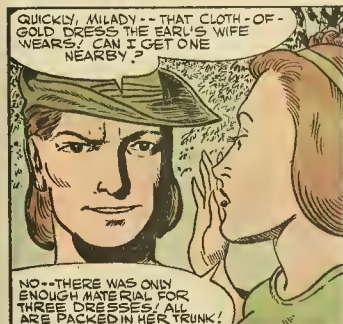
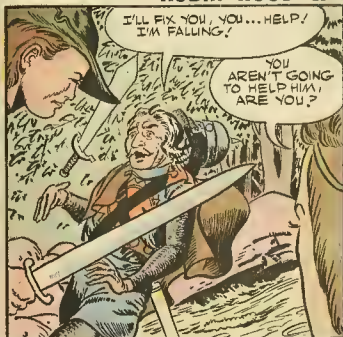
WELL DONE, SIR OUTLAW!

TOUCHÉ!





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MEANWHILE, THE FAIR MARIAN WAS STILL GRIEVING BECAUSE ROBIN COULD NOT ATTEND, AND BECAUSE THE EARL'S LADY HAD A GOLDEN DRESS...



ROBIN! ARE YOU MAD? YOU'LL BE CAPTURED BY THE SHERIFF!

NAY, BE-LOVED! AS YOUR ESCORT, THE SHERIFF CANNOT TAKE ME UNTIL I LEAVE! THEN, HE IS WEL-COME TO TRY!



SEE, ROBIN? THE EARL'S LADY IS WEARING A GOLDEN GOWN! THE REST OF US LOOK LIKE SERVANTS!

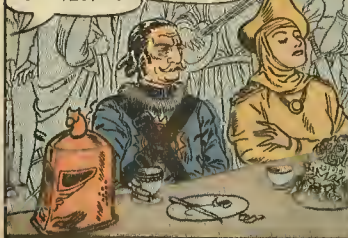


I HAVE A PLAN, BE-LOVED! WAIT AND SEE! LET US SIT AT THE EARL'S TABLE TO WATCH THE FUN!

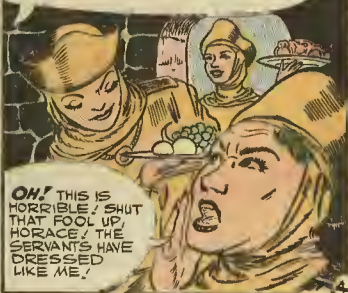


THE HIGH SHERIFF WAS THERE WELCOMING THE EARL AND HIS WIFE ...

... AND BID YOU WELCOME, LADY AND THE EARL OF ALDRED! YOUR GOLDEN DRESS, THE ONLY ONE OF IT'S KIND, IS LOVELY ...



... AND ONLY A LADY OF YOUR STATION WOULD WEAR SUCH A DRESS!



OH! THIS IS HORRIBLE! SHUT THAT FOOL UP, HORACE! THE SERVANTS HAVE DRESSED LIKE ME!



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BUT ROBIN O' LOCKSLEY WAS AS ELUSIVE AS A BREEZE! HE PUNISHED THE EARL WITH A SERVANT'S STAFF, THEN TURNED TO THE HIGH SHERIFF...

I'D HATE TO NEGLECT YOU, NOTTINGHAM! I'VE LONGED TO TWIST YOUR NOSE FOR MONTHS!



I MUST GO, BELOVED! WILL YOU WALK WITH ME SOON IN SHERWOOD FOREST?



ROBIN HOOD & HIS MERRY MEN

# Buccaneers <sup>vs.</sup> PIRATES FOR THE KING OF OLD

WITH THE HAND OF EVERY LAW ABIDING MAN AND NATION TURNED AGAINST THEM, THE PIRATES UNDER LONG JOHN SILVER STILL NURSED A FIERCE LOYALTY TOWARD ENGLAND AND THE KING! AND SO IT CAME ABOUT THAT WHEN THE CHANCE TO STRIKE A BLOW FOR THEIR SOVEREIGN PRESENTED ITSELF, THEY STRUCK HARD AND WELL... ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE WAS GOLD TO BE HAD AT THE SAME TIME...





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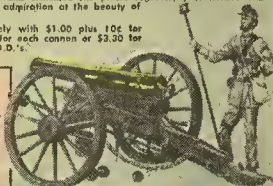
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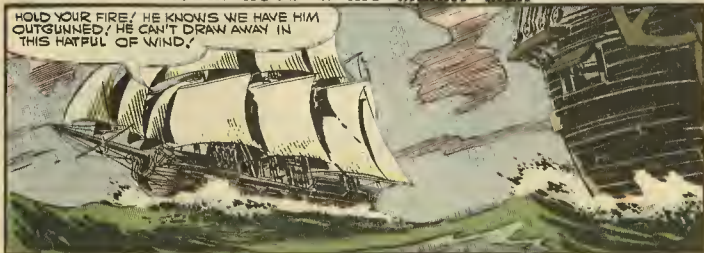
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HOLD YOUR FIRE! HE KNOWS WE HAVE HIM OUTGUNNED! HE CAN'T DRAW AWAY IN THIS HATFUL OF WIND!



THE SHIP STRUCK ITS COLORS, OUTGUNNED AND OUTMANNED AS IT WAS BY THE BIGGER PIRATE VESSEL! LONG JOHN WENT TO HER IN THE SMALL BOAT...

WE CAN'T FIGHT, SIR PIRATE! I AM LORD TWEEDELE, THE NEW GOVERNOR OF BARBADOS, BY THE DESIGNATION OF HIS MAJESTY, THE KING OF ENGLAND.

WE THOUGHT YOU WERE SPANIARDS TRYING TO PLAY THE FOX!

A TERRIBLE STORM CRIPPLED THE HALF OF US, CAPTAIN SILVER! HAVE YOU NEWS OF BARBADOS? HOW THE KING'S SERVANTS ATTEND THEIR DUTIES?

THEY'RE A PACK OF THIEVES, BEGGIN' YOUR LORDSHIP'S PARDON! THE PLAGUE TOOK THE GOOD ONES, THE VILLAINS RULE!

LONG JOHN WAS TROUBLED! WHILE THE CREW WAITED HIS DECISION, HE THOUGHT HARD AND LONG! THE PRISONERS WERE ANXIOUS TOO...

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNOR MUST NOT BE HARMED -- BUT IF HE TRIES TO FIGHT SIR DONALD SHAN, HE CAN NOT WIN! HERE IS MY PLAN...



WE'LL TRADE SHIPS AND CLOTHING WITH HIS LORDSHIP'S PARTY! WE'LL PULL SIR DONALD'S FANGS, THEN TURN THE COLONY OVER TO HIS LORDSHIP! ALL OF YE TRADE COATS WITH THE GENTRY!



IT WAS A STRANGE AND MOTLEY CREW THEN! LONG JOHN AND HIS CREW DID THEIR BEST TO APE THE MANNERS OF THE GENTRY...

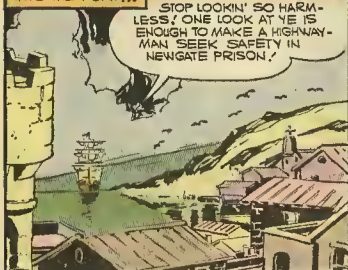
NOT LIKE THAT, YE SWAB! USE YOUR PINKIE FINGER WHEN YE DRINK YER RUM!





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SO HIS LORDSHIP AND THE GENTRY OF HIS PARTY WAITED OFF SHORE WHILE LONG JOHN SILVER LED HIS PARTY OF NEWLY APPOINTED 'GENTLEMEN' INTO THE PORT...



THAT'S IT, TOM! BE FIRM BUT DO IT LIKE A GENTLEMAN!



WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS? WHO LET HIM PASS?

NO ONE LETS LONG... I MEAN I'M HERE ON THE KING'S BUSINESS, SIR DONALD!



ANSWER ME! WHAT BUSINESS HAVE YE IN BARBADOS?

OUT OF MY WAY, MAN! I'M HIS MAJESTY'S NEW GOVERNOR!

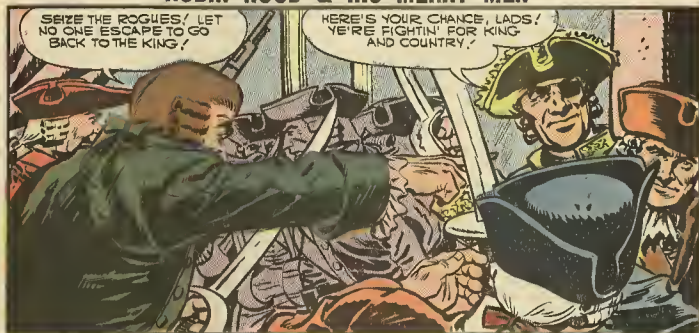


YOU HAVE CREDENTIALS, MY LORD? YOURS IS TOO HARDY A CREW TO BE ALL GENTRY!

AYE, I HAVE CREDENTIALS-- AND STURDY LADS TO BACK THEM UP!



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SEIZE THE ROGUES! LET NO ONE ESCAPE TO GO BACK TO THE KING!

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE, LADS! YE'RE FIGHTIN' FOR KING AND COUNTRY!



THE SWORDS ARE ORNAMENTS TO THEM! DON'T INJURE MORE THAN YE CAN HELP!

STAND STILL, POLTRON!



THE FIGHT WAS ONE-SIDED! THOUGH OUT-NUMBERED, LONG JOHN SILVER'S CREW SPEEDILY ENDED THE BATTLE...

TOSS THEM INTO DUNGEONS UNTIL I DECIDE THEIR FATE!

CROW WHILE YOU CAN, PIRATE! THE TABLES WILL SOON BE TURNED!



THEN LONG JOHN GOT DOWN TO SERIOUS BUSINESS! THE INVENTORY OF THE TREASURE VAULTS BELOW...

LOOK, LONG JOHN-- GOOD SPANISH DOUBLOONS! WE'LL ALL BE RICH!

LET'S REMEMBER WE'RE LAW ABIDIN' SUBJECTS OF THE KING! WE'LL TAKE ONLY HALF!



WE'LL HAVE A DANCE TONIGHT, LADS! ROUT OUT THE MUSICIANS AND INFORM THE LADIES OF THE HONOR WE DO THEM!



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MEANWHILE, THE RENEGADE SIR DONALD SHAW WAS PLOTTING HIS REVENGE...

THE GUARD CELEBRATED TOO WELL! WHAT IS THE PIRATE DOING? WE MUST TIME OUR ATTACK WELL!

THEY CELEBRATE WITH MUSIC AND DANCING! I SUGGEST WE STRIKE AT MIDNIGHT!

THE LADIES OF THE COURT, MOST OF THEM LOYAL TO THE KING, ENEMY TO SIR DONALD, ENTERED INTO THE SPIRIT OF THE OCCASION...

YE'RE A VILLIAN AND A PIRATE BUT YE SHAKE A MEAN LEG!

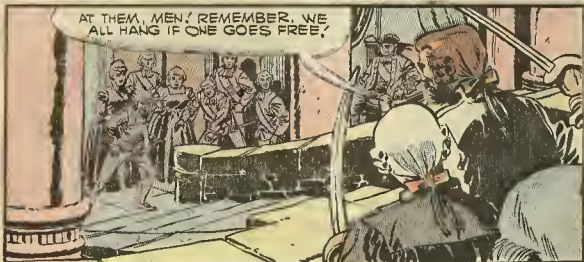
I'M PRACTICIN' SO I'LL BE A CREDIT TO THE TRADE WHEN I DANCE ON THE GALLOWS!

FIFTEEN MEN ON A DEAD MAN'S CHEST? YO HO HO AND A BOTTLE O'... WHATEVER THIS STUFF IS, TASTES LIKE BILGEWATER!



SIR DONALD WAITED TILL THE HEIGHT OF FESTIVITIES... THEN HE GAVE THE WORD! HE HAD MORE MEN TO HELP THIS TIME...

AT THEM, MEN! REMEMBER, WE ALL HANG IF ONE GOES FREE!



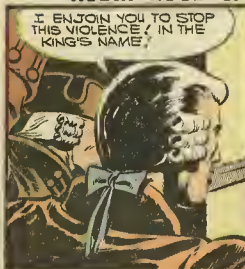
THERE'S A HUNDRED OF 'EM, SKIPPER!

AN' TWICE THAT WOULDN'T DEFEAT US, LAD! FIGHT AS YE WOULD FOR SPANISH GOLD!



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JUST AS SIR DONALD SHAW'S RENEGADES SEEMED ON THE VERGE OF VICTORY, HIS LORD-SHIP TWEEDE ARRIVED...



I ENJOIN YOU TO STOP THIS VIOLENCE / IN THE KING'S NAME!



SIT ON 'EM, YOUR LORDSHIP! THAT'S ONE WAY O' QUIETIN' THE LANDLOVERS DOWN!



YE HEARD HIS LORDSHIP! STOP MAKIN' A DISTURBANCE!



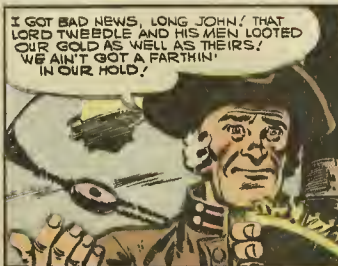
WE BEAT 'EM IN THE NAME O' THE KING, YOUR LORD-SHIP!

SEIZE THESE PIRATES! THEY'RE WANTED BY HIS MAJESTY TOO!

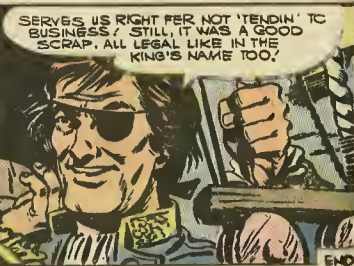


BEING A LOYAL SUBJECT OF THE KING, LONG JOHN HAD NO HEART FOR FIGHTING LORD TWEEDE. HE TOOK TO HIS HEELS, HIS CREW AFTER HIM...

UP ALL! WE'VE GOT OUR SHARE OF THE GOLD ANYWAY!



I GOT BAD NEWS, LONG JOHN! THAT LORD TWEEDE AND HIS MEN LOOTED OUR GOLD AS WELL AS THEIRS! WE AIN'T GOT A FARTHIN' IN OUR HOLD!



SERVES US RIGHT FER NOT 'TENDIN' TO BUSINESS! STILL, IT WAS A GOOD SCRAP. ALL LEGAL LIKE IN THE KING'S NAME TOO!



## ROBIN HOOD & HIS MERRY MEN

# Robin Hood and The TAX COLLECTOR

WHEN KING RICHARD THE LION HEARTED LEFT ENGLAND FOR THE CRUSADES TO THE HOLY LAND, HIS BROTHER PRINCE JOHN, WAS IN POWER...AND HE LEVIED TAXES THAT IMPOVERISHED THE PEOPLE! BUT AS BAD AS THE TAXES WERE -- SOME COLLECTORS TOOK FAR MORE -- IN THE NAME OF THE KING BUT FOR THEIR OWN POCKETS! THAT WAS NO CONCERN OF ROBIN HOODS OF COURSE... AT FIRST!

YOU'LL SWING FOR THIS KNAVE! THIS IS THE KING'S GOLD!

IN YOUR OWN POCKET? THE KING'S TAXES ARE IN YON CHESTS IN THE CARRIAGE!



THE OUTLAWS OF SHERWOOD FOREST CARED LITTLE WHETHER TAXES WENT UP OR DOWN! IT WASN'T UNTIL THEIR LEADER VISITED A VILLAGE THAT HE BECAME INVOLVED...

THAT'S A HEAVY LOAD, FARMER! DO YOU GO TO MARKET?

NAY, TO THE FIELDS FOR I HAVE NO HOME! THE KING'S TAX COLLECTOR HAS SEIZED MY FARM!



HALF THE FOLK IN THE REGION ARE PENNILESS! SIR CHARLES CARES NOT IF WE STARVE!

I'D LIKE TO SEE THIS MONSTER! MAYHAP, I'LL BREAK BREAD WITH HIM!



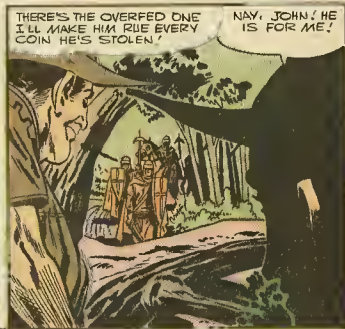
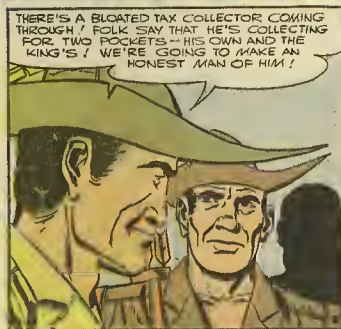




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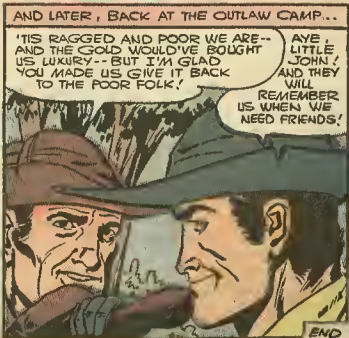
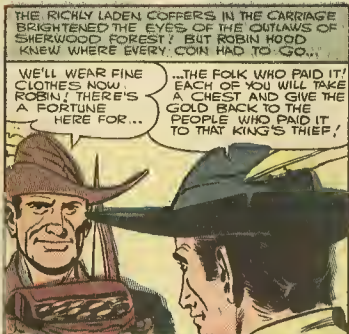


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# GALLINI'S GALLEYS

The Regent was worried when he heard the news from his trusted spy, Williard the Wise had ridden day and night from the Northland with paper that had been given to him by the spy. He knew the contents of the leather case in which it had been concealed.

"We have but a week to prepare a defense against Gallini the Pirate King," sighed the Regent. "But in one respect I am fortunate. We are celebrating the spring festival. I do not wish to have my guests alarmed, so we will call the nobles to gather in the great hall. You are tired and when you return you will give the spy a hundred ounces of gold for the news you transmitted to me."

Within an hour the nobles had all assembled in the great hall. Pages went around the castle telling the nobles that the Regent wanted to speak to them. The rest of the guests continued with their merry making.

"Our King is now away with most of the army fighting the Pagans," began the Regent. "His worthless nephew sits in the tower, plays a harp, and composes some rhymes. Upon my shoulders rest the burden of protecting the kingdom. We have terrible news to tell you. Gallini the Pirate King is headed for our shores with his galleys. He will try to do to us what he has done to other kingdoms. First, he will demand a large tribute in gold. Second, he will want slaves to row his galleys. Actually, most of his rowers are captives that were taken from our ships which he captured when they sailed through the sea routes he controls. We must decide now what plans we are to make in order to meet him and his forces. To pay or not to pay, that is the question? To fight or not to fight, that is another question? You are free to express your thoughts upon this vital matter."

The Duke of Bellington arose from his chair. There was a sad expression on his face. For he had opposed the leaving of the King with most of the army. He could foresee that a poorly defended kingdom would be a temptation to others to try to conquer.

"If we assembled all of our forces we still would be outnumbered," he began. "While our soldiers are brave and capable, I do not think

that man for man they are the equals of an army that has been trained to kill and pillage as though it were a lifetime career. Perhaps if we offered enough gold he would sail away from our shores."

"Not Gallini," interrupted the voice of the Count of Richmond. "The moment we offer him gold, he senses our weakness. Why should he be satisfied with a little when he can take everything. Furthermore, we can not give him slaves for his galleys. For we are a free people and a free people we shall remain. My trusted adviser met Gallini a decade ago. With your permission, Oh Regent of the kingdom, I will send for him and he may be able to give us good advice."

For almost forty years, Sir John Justin had served the hereditary Counts of Richmond faithfully. It was his task to advise them in all matters concerning diplomacy, war, and the relationship to the ruler of the kingdom. His shoulders were no longer straight and his vision had begun to dim. He, alone of all those who served the Counts of Richmond, had the right to speak in the presence of the feudal lord and say what was on his mind. A page summoned him and told him to enter the great hall. This he did and he bowed before the Regent. Then to the surprise of all present he began to speak.

"I assume that you are all gathered here because Gallini The Pirate King had decided to pay us a visit. He once told me that he wanted to rule a kingdom on land and not one on sea. Be not of downfallen hearts. We can defeat him."

"We can defeat him," echoed a voice belonging to a man standing on the stone ledge of a high window in the great castle. He wore a blue helmet that covered his face. His famous great sword was in its scabbard and attached to a leather belt. On his back was a great bow as well as a quiver full of arrows.

"And we will defeat him," continued the Blue Knight. "For the very secret of his success can be turned into the cause of his defeat. Most of his galley slaves are our people. Years of swinging the great oars have given terrific muscles to



those who have survived the ordeal. Free his slaves from their oars and together we can smash the power of this scourge of the seas."

"But how can we get near his galleys with our few boats?" demanded the Duke of Bellington. "I still think it might be better to try to purchase peace than risk the defeat and destruction of the kingdom. I wonder what the King would say if he were here?"

There were rumors that the Blue Knight wore the signet ring of the King. Suddenly the man on the stone ledge held his hand out.

"Then I speak in the name of our absent King. We will fight and smash this Gallini who dares to approach our shores. My plans were made a long time ago. I need but the help of five hundred good sturdy soldiers. Sir John Justin will choose them for me. They will meet me and my men at an appointed time and place. Until then, farewell."

The Blue Knight grabbed a rope and swung on the outside to a lower level. From here he scaled a wall and jumped on a waiting horse. A dozen soldiers entered the great hall but were dismissed by the Regent.

"I don't think any of us ever want to catch up with the Blue Knight."

Late that evening in the forest there was a gathering of many armed men. They were all standing around a small pond. Only the light of the full moon glanced upon their faces. Their leader, the Blue Knight was pointing something out to Sir John Justin.

"The boat you see floating on the pond is a model of the kind of galley used by Gallini. It was built by a man who spent six years of his life behind the oars until he was ransomed. Two men are chained to an oar. They are not chained to their seats. That is why our plan may work even though there is great risk to it. Should it fail, then the most savage hand to hand fighting in the history of our beloved land will take place. If the night is foggy and misty we will be helped. If not, then we will make our own fog by lighting smudge pots full of tar."

The fleet of Gallini the Pirate King was offshore. In the morning he would lower the long boats and the first of his soldiers would set foot on this foreign territory. Gallini rejoiced when he thought of the booty he would take. First he would make his two demands, for gold and slaves. If the ruler listened this would show he was a weakling.

"We will win without much fighting," he told his lieutenant, Red Beard. "Not even a ship to oppose us. But we will have to wait until the

morning. The mist and the smoke make it difficult for us to see. It will be safer for us to remain here at anchor."

Roger the Tall One was the seventh oar man in the galley of Captain Disoni. He was tired and resting his head against the wooden bulkhead. Suddenly he thought he heard a voice speaking through the opening into which his oar fitted.

"Listen carefully to me, you galley slave," said a strange voice. "You and all in this boat can be free. We are sawing off the outer part of your oar. You and your partner can then get up and use it as a battering ram. We are doing this on all the ships. When you hear a loud gong strike three times, it is the signal. We are your free brethren who have come to rescue you. Fight for your freedom. If freedom is worth while fighting for!"

The sun was starting to come up from the horizon when a loud gong struck three times. In every galley, the slaves rushed up from their seats. Two slaves to a long battering ram. They fought with the soldiers of Gallini. Up over the sides of the galleys swarmed armed men who had floated out on rafts concealed by the mist and smoke.

Each battle on a ship followed the same pattern. When the defending soldiers were vanquished, their arms were taken. Then the galley slaves were freed from their oars and given the arms. In turn they helped capture other ships. Before the sun set on the horizon the battle was over. Orders had been to take Gallini alive and finally he was captured.

There was great rejoicing in the kingdom. Men who had been slaves in the galleys were now freed and they returned to their families. The Regent sat on his throne. All the nobles of the kingdom had assembled. Gallini stood before the Regent in chains to hear his sentence.

"Your boats will be put to our use. But not as galleys. They will be outfitted with sails and manned by free men. Your treasure will be used to compensate those who spent years at the oars. As for yourself you will spend the rest of the days of your life in a cell. You will be chained to an oar. If you want exercise, then move the oar!"

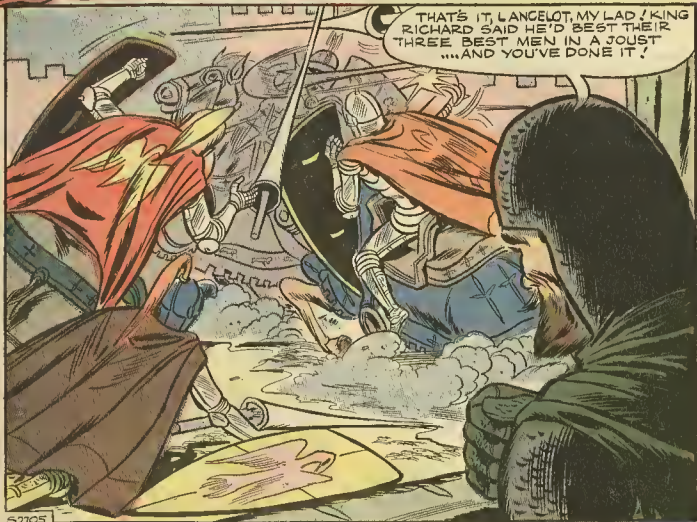
And up in the tower a young man was playing a harp and composing a rhyme.

"None is worse than he the terrible knave,  
Who would make of a free man a slave."

THE END

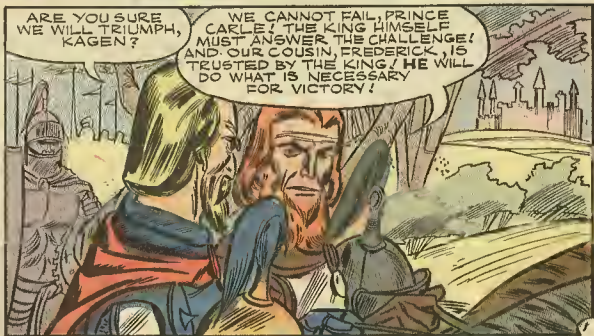
# Sir Lancelot

THE MAGNIFICENT ARMOR OF THE KING SHONE BRILLIANTLY AS ITS WEARER DOWNED HIS FOES IN THE JOUST THAT DETERMINED THE FUTURE OF ENGLAND! YET, THE KING WAS SORELY WOUNDED IN HIS TENT...IT WAS SIR LANCELOT WHO FACED ENGLAND'S MOST DEADLY ENEMIES!



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KING ARTHUR'S ENEMIES JOINED TOGETHER...THEY COVERED THE CROWN AND THEY STRUCK WHEN THE KING'S ARMIES WERE IN OTHER LANDS!

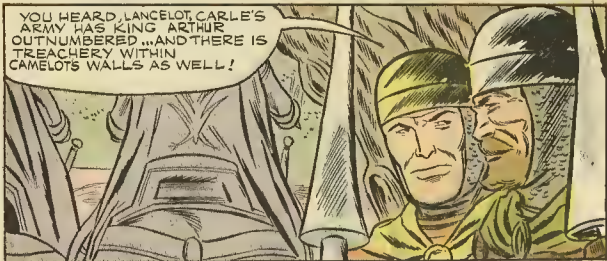




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PRINCE CARLE AND THE DUKE OF KAGEN GLOATED OVER THEIR COMING VICTORY...UNAWARE THAT SIR LANCELOT WEARING CARLE'S COLORS, TOOK IN EVERY WORD!

YOU HEARD, LANCELOT, CARLE'S ARMY HAS KING ARTHUR OUTNUMBERED...AND THERE IS TREACHERY WITHIN CAMELOT'S WALLS AS WELL!



I HEARD THEM, SIR MORGAN VON KNIGHTS RIDE GOOD STEEDS! UNHORSE ONE FOR YOURSELF! I'LL TAKE THAT FELLOW'S THERE!



I'VE GOT THIS ONE, SIR MORGAN! HOW FARE YOU?

OFF THE NAG, DOLT! THE KING NEEDS IT MORE THAN YOU!



IT WAS OVER IN SECONDS... AND SIR LANCELOT LED THE WAY IN A DASH FOR THE CASTLE!

OPEN THE GATE... I MUST SEE KING ARTHUR!



BUT SIR LANCELOT HAD FEW FRIENDS IN THE ROYAL MENAGE! AND HE HAD ONE DEADLY ENEMY...THE TRAITOROUS DUKE, FREDERICK!

SEIZE HIM! HE IS ONE OF PRINCE CARLE'S SPIES!



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THE TWO KNIGHTS FROM ARTHUR'S COURT FOUGHT LIKE TWENTY MEN... BUT TWICE THAT NUMBER, HEADED FREDERICKS ORDER AND SWARMED OVER THEM!

GET WORD TO THE KING, ONE OF YOU IS LOYAL! TELL HIM THAT SIR LANCELOT KNIGHT OF THE ROUND TABLE HAS NEWS OF TREACHERY!



INSIDE, OUTLAW! THE KING IS TOO BUSY FOR YOUR RAVINGS!

HO, LANCELOT THIS DOOR IS LOOSELY SET IN STONE! I CAN GO FREE WITH A LITTLE EFFORT!



WAIT... LET ME SPEAK TO THE GUARD FIRST! WE WANT NO MORE ALARMS!

COME, ROGUE, FREE ME! I HAVE GOLD IN MY POUCH FOR YOU!

HAVE YOU? HAND IT OVER!



THE GUARD RECKLESSLY STEPPED CLOSE TO THREATEN LANCELOT AND HIS THREAT CHANGED TO A WHINE AS THE KNIGHT'S GRIP TOOK HOLD!



BE QUIET, ROGUE! THIS ONE WILL RAISE NO CRY, SIR MORGAN BREAK OUT OF YOUR CELL!

WAIT, LANCELOT... LET ME GET THE TURNKEY!



A MOMENT LATER, THEY WERE FREE... AND THE FRIGHTENED GUARD WAS SAFELY LOCKED IN THEIR CELL!

HURRY, SIR MORGAN WE MUST WARN OUR KING!





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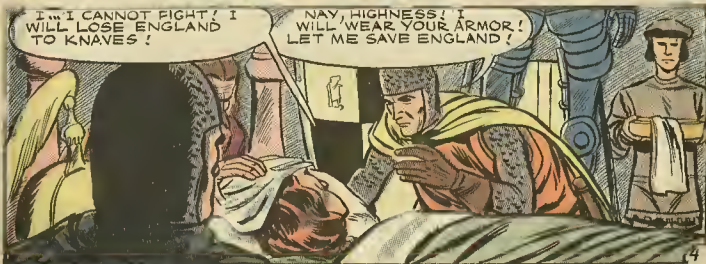
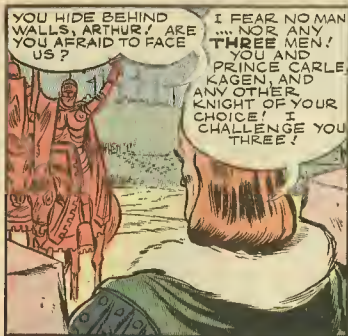
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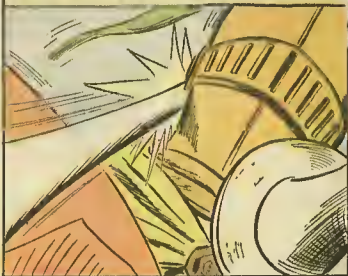
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PERSUADING THE KING WAS NOT EASY ... BUT A MOMENT LATER, SIR LANCELOT WORE THE GOLDEN ARMOR OF THE KING! HIS CHARGER WAS WAITING ...

THE THREE SCOUNDRELS ARE WAITING, SIR LANCELOT!

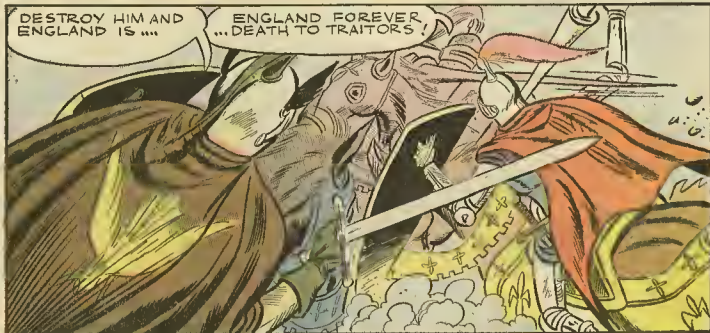
I WILL NOT SHAME HIS MAJESTY BY MY CONDUCT, SIR MORGAN!

KAGEN HAD RECEIVED WORD THAT HIS MAJESTY WAS SORELY HURT! HE LED THE ATTACK, SEEKING THE GLORY OF DEFEATING A KING!



DESTROY HIM AND ENGLAND IS ...

ENGLAND FOREVER ... DEATH TO TRAITORS!



THE ARMIES CHEERED ... AND PRINCE CARLE'S MEN DESERTED TO A MAN!

WELL DONE, SIR LANCELOT! ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR CHEERS, I PRAY YOU!

YOU MERIT THAT HONOR, YOUR HIGHNESS! AFTER A MOMENT, YOU MAY WAVE TO THE CROWD!



BE PATIENT, TRAITOR! KING ARTHUR WILL ATTEND TO YOU SHORTLY!

LONG LIVE KING ARTHUR!



THE END



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